

REMARKS

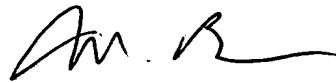
Claims 55, 57, 59, 61, 63 and 65-80 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62 and 64 are canceled.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 55, 57, 59, 61, 63 and 65-80 are allowed. Claims 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62 and 64 have been canceled. Thus, this application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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